

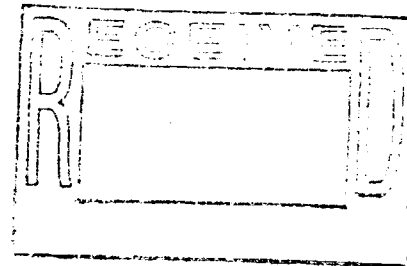


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Dear Sir or Madam:

This letter will serve as a 30 day notification pursuant to Section 6 of the Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act of 1994 that NBTY Inc. is using the following statements on our Calcium supplement under the DEI brand name:

- Basics Calcium 600 helps sustain and nurture your internal system by providing the dietary tools your body needs to support good bone health.
- While a strong bone system can depend on many things, including heredity, diet, smoking and age, a balanced diet, regular exercise, healthy lifestyle choices and an adequate intake of Calcium can play a role in maintaining optimal bone health.
- Strong bones contribute to complete well-being.
- Basics Calcium 600 is the key supplement your body needs to sustain good bone nutrition.

The above statements are accompanied by the required disclaimer pursuant to Section 6 of the Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act.

Sincerely,

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